

A SCA Field Guide
or
Courtesy in the Society
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Untitled Nobility

Who they are: Anyone in the society. This is where we all start.
How they are addressed: milord or milady (notice the lower case)
When in doubt anyone can be called milord
or milady.

Holder of an Award of Arms

Who they are: Anyone who has received an AoA (usually the first
award someone receives in the Society.).
How they can be recognized: Bearers of an AoA may wear a simple metal circlet
decorated as they see fit as long as it is never more
than one inch wide, has only one protrusion and
does not resemble any of the other coronets.
How they are addressed: Lord/ Lady or My Lord/My Lady (notice
the capitals).

Holder of a Grant of Arms Award

Who they are: Anyone who has received a GoA level award.
How they can be recognized: There is no difference from AoA.
How they are addressed: The Honorable Lord/ The Honorable Lady
or Your Lordship/ Your Ladyship.

Member of the Order of the White Scarf

Who they are: They are recipients of a GoA Level award for
excellence in fencing.
How they can be recognized: They will wear a white scarf, usually at the left
shoulder or above the left elbow.
How they are addressed: Don or Dona.

Cadet

Who they are: A specially recognized student of a White Scarf.
How they can be recognized: They may wear a red scarf, usually at the left
shoulder or above the left elbow.
How they are addressed: By whatever rank they normally hold. (Being a
cadet is a relationship and does not affect a
person's rank)

Court Baron/Baroness

Who they are:

They have been given this rank by the Crown usually for service above and beyond expectation. In Northshield, Court Barons and Baronesses receive a Grant of Arms if they don't already have one and rank above all other holders of GoA's.

How they can be recognized: They may wear a coronet of silver with six pearls (spheroids), ornamented as they see fit.

How they are addressed: Your Excellency or as Baron/Baroness (first name)

Landed Baron/Baroness

Who they are:

The ceremonial rulers of a Barony chosen by the Crown. They may also be called Territorial Barons or Baronesses.

How they can be recognized: They may wear a coronet of Gold with six pearls (spheroids) , ornamented as they see fit.

How they are addressed: Your Excellency or as Baron/Baroness (first name)
Since Landed Barons and Baronesses are representatives of the Crown, it is also courteous to bow or curtsy in their presence or if you walk past their thrones.

Member of the Order of the Pelican

Who they are:

They were inducted into the order for service above and beyond expectations.

One of the three non-royal Peerages.

How they can be recognized: They may wear a Cap of Maintenance or badge bearing a pelican in its piety.

How they are addressed: Master/ Mistress.

Protégé

Who they are:

A specially recognized student of a Pelican.

How they can be recognized: They may wear a simple yellow belt.

How they are addressed: By whatever rank they normally hold. (Being a protégé is a relationship and does not affect a person's rank)

Member of the Order of the Laurel

- Who they are:* They were inducted into the order for excellence in some area of the Arts and Sciences.
One of the three non-royal Peerages.
- How they can be recognized:* They may wear a laurel wreath or a badge bearing a laurel wreath.
- How they are addressed:* Master/ Mistress

Apprentice

- Who they are:* A specially recognized student of a Laurel.
- How they can be recognized:* They may wear a simple green belt.
- How they are addressed:* By whatever rank they normally hold. (Being an apprentice is a relationship and does not affect a person's rank)

Members of the Order of Chivalry

Knight

- Who they are:* A member of the Order of the Chivalry, elevated as such for excellence in combat.
One of the three non-royal Peerages.
- How they can be recognized:* Plain white belt, unadorned gold chain and gold spurs.
- How they are addressed:* Sir/Dame.

Master/Mistress of Arms

- Who they are:* A member of the Order of the Chivalry, elevated as such for excellence in combat, who, for whatever reason, chooses not to swear fealty.
One of the three non-royal Peerages.
- How they can be recognized:* They wear a white baldric and gold spurs.
- How they are addressed:* Master/Mistress.

Squire

- Who they are:* Someone under the tutelage of a Knight or Master of Arms.
- How they can be recognized:* The squire of a Knight wears a red belt, a silver chain and silver spurs. The squire of a Master of Arms wears a simple red baldric and silver spurs.
- How they are addressed:* By whatever rank they normally hold. (Being a squire is a relationship and does not affect a person's rank)

Viscount/Viscountess

- Who they are:* Someone who has served one or more full reigns as Prince or Princess of a Principality.
One of the three Royal Peerages.
- How they can be recognized:* They wear an embattled silver coronet, ornamented as they see fit.
- How they are addressed:* Your Excellency.

Count/ Countess

- Who they are:* Someone who has served one full reign as King or Queen.
One of the three Royal Peerages.
- How they can be recognized:* They wear an embattled gold coronet, decorated as they wish.
- How they are addressed:* Your Excellency.

Duke/Dutchess

- Who they are:* Someone who has served more than one full reign as King or Queen.
One of the three Royal Peerages.
- How they can be recognized:* They wear a gold coronet with strawberry leaves, embellished as they wish.
- How they are addressed:* Your Grace.

Crown Prince/ Princess

- Who they are:* The victor of the Crown Tournament and their consort before their coronation. They are considered members of the royal family.
- How they can be recognized:* They wear a silver crown.
- How they are addressed:* Your Highness or Your Royal Highness
It is also courteous to bow or curtsy in their presence or if you walk past their thrones.

King/Queen

- Who they are:* The victor of the Crown Tournament and their consort, upon their coronation and during their reign.
- How they can be recognized:* They wear a gold crown.
- How they are addressed:* They may be jointly referred to as “The Crown”.
Also referred to as Your Royal Majesty, Your Majesty. It is also courteous to bow or curtsy in their presence or if you walk past their thrones.

from Northshield Law:
ARTICLE IX—
PRECEDENCE, SYMBOLS OF
RANK & OATHS OF FEALTY

IX-100 — The Order of Precedence

The Order of Precedence within Northshield is as follows:

- Sovereign/Consort
- Crown Prince and Princess
 - Dukes/Duchesses
 - Counts/Countesses
- Viscounts/Viscountesses
 - Peers of the Realm
- Territorial Barons/Baronesses
 - Court Barons/Baronesses
- Awards and Orders conferring Grants of Arms (including awards from other Kingdoms)
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- Awards and orders that do not convey precedence

In Northshield, the following awards confer an Award of Arms: the Award of Cygnus (for service), the Award of the Balefire (for arts and sciences), the Award of the Black Bolt (for archery), the Award of the Griffin's Sword (for heavy combat), the Award of the Palfrey (for equestrian activities) and the Award of the Queen's Glove (for rapier combat.)

In Northshield, recipients of the following orders receive a Grant of Arms: Order of Tyr (for service), Order of Bridget's Flame (for arts and sciences), Order of Aquila (for archery), Order of the Iron Griffin Legion (for heavy combat), the Order of the Destrer (for equestrian activities) and the Order of the White Scarf (for rapier combat).